



# Minnesota's workers' compensation COVID-19 claims update

Claims reported through Dec. 25, 2021

# Workers' compensation COVID-19 presumption

## CHAPTER 72--H.F.No. 4537

*An act relating to workers' compensation; providing a presumption for COVID-19 workers' compensation claims for certain employees; requiring a report; authorizing extension of the implementation date of the CAMPUS system; amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 176.011, subdivision 15.*

The presumption covers:

- a licensed peace officer, firefighter, paramedic or emergency medical technician;
- certain workers employed at a corrections, detention or secure treatment facility;
- a health care provider, nurse or assistive employee employed in a health care, home care or long-term care setting, with direct COVID-19 patient care or ancillary work in COVID-19 patient units; and
- a person required to provide child care to children of first responders and health care workers under Executive Orders 20-02 and 20-19.

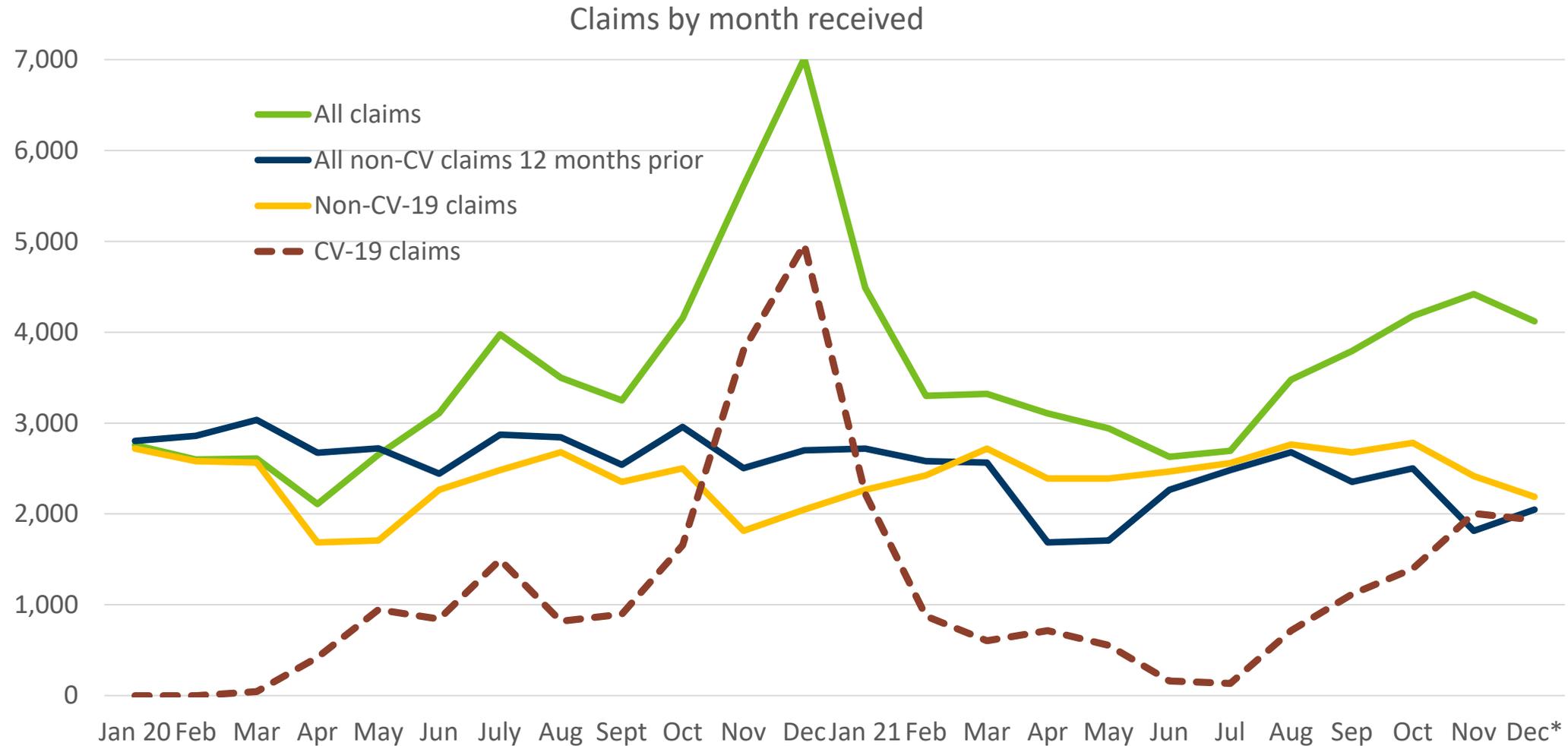
It is effective for workers contracting COVID-19 on or after April 8, 2020, through **Dec. 31, 2021**.

Approximately 183,000 workers are eligible for presumption coverage (estimated in March 2020).

# About these claim counts

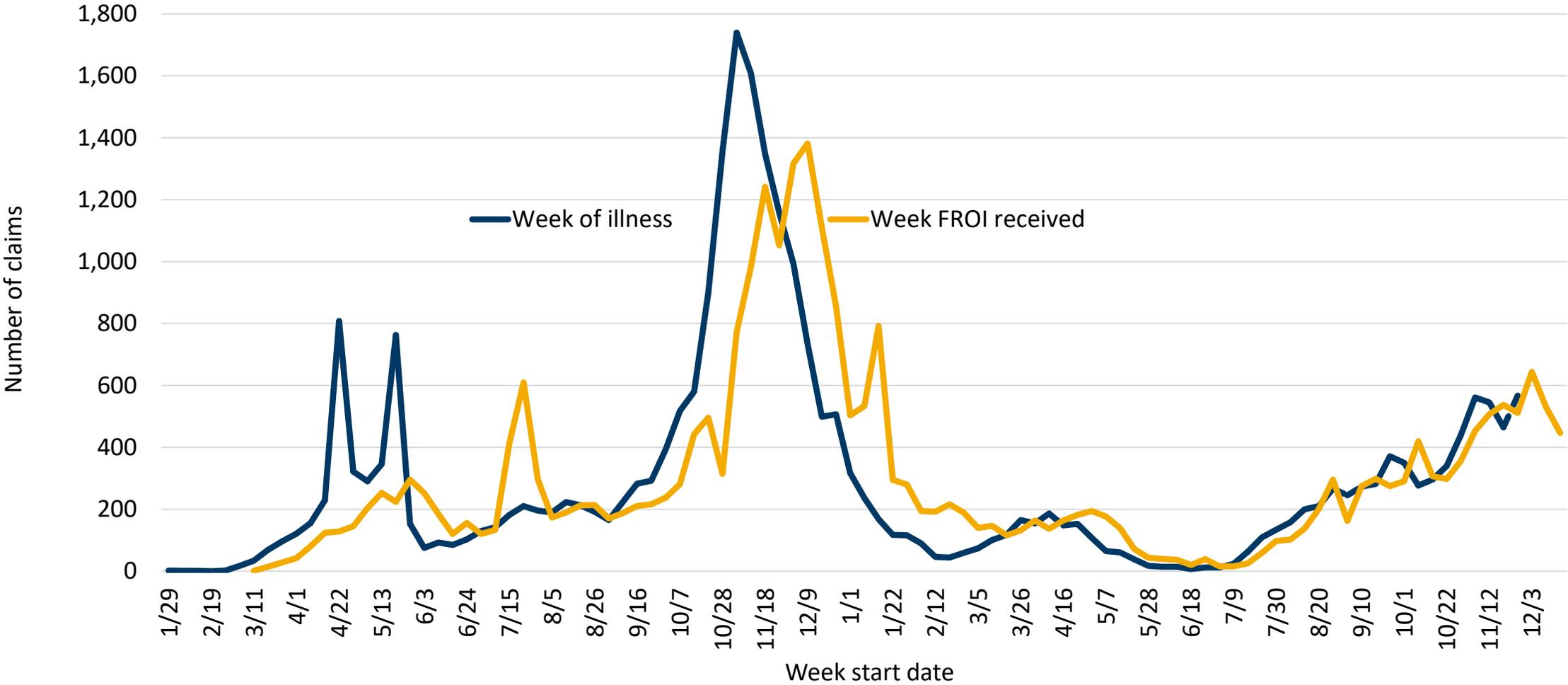
- The claims counts show the total number of claims with COVID-19 or coronavirus exposure given as a nature or cause of injury.
- All claims submitted are included in the count of reported claims, ignoring lost-time status and acceptance or denial of benefits.
- Injury reports are received about three to four, on average, after the date of illness.
  - The illness date is either reported by the worker or employer. It does not always correspond with the date of onset of symptoms.
  - Primary liability decisions generally arrive a week or two after the claim is reported.
  - The Department of Labor and Industry (DLI) continues to receive claims with illness dates six months earlier.

# 28,319 COVID-19 claims reported through Dec. 25, 2021; 6,452 claims since Sept. 1, 2021



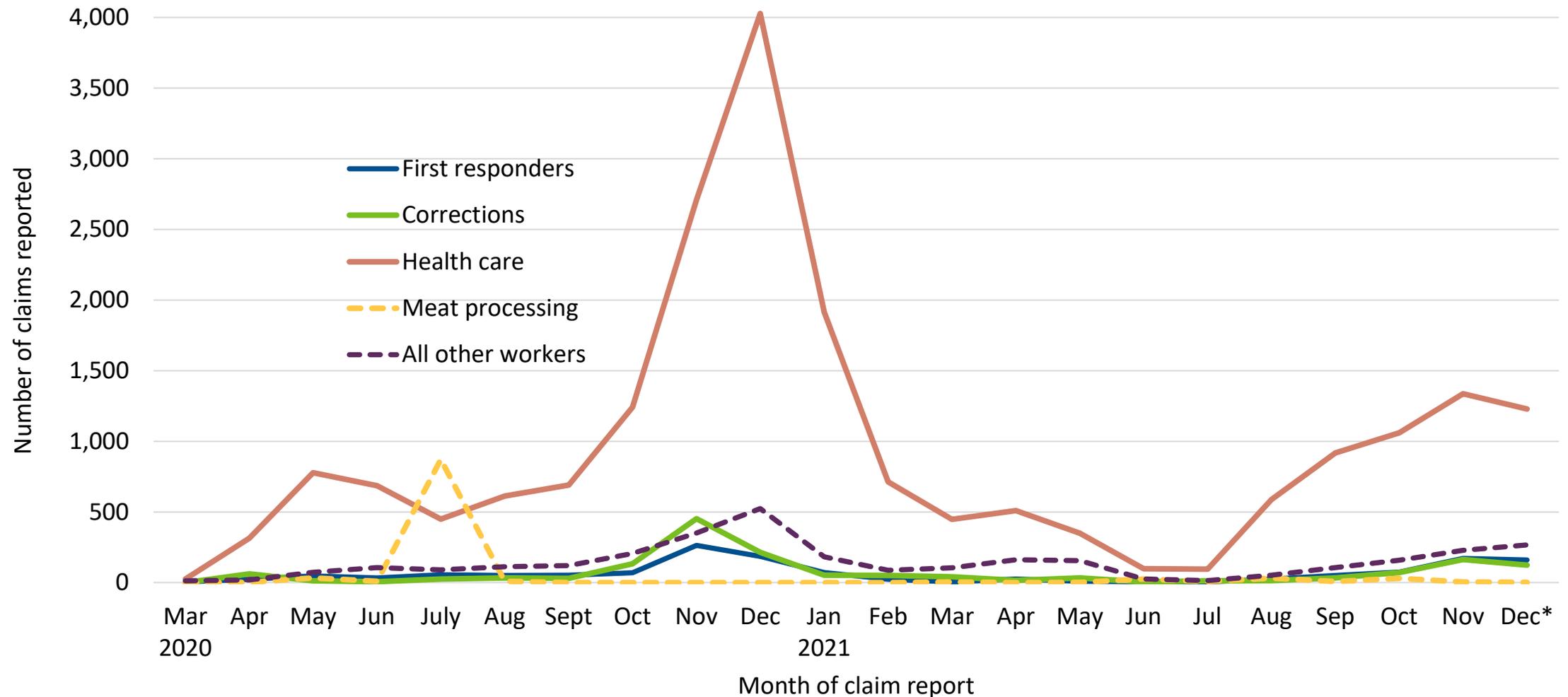
# At least 450 claims a week in November, December 2021

Number of COVID-19 claims by reported week and week of illness onset



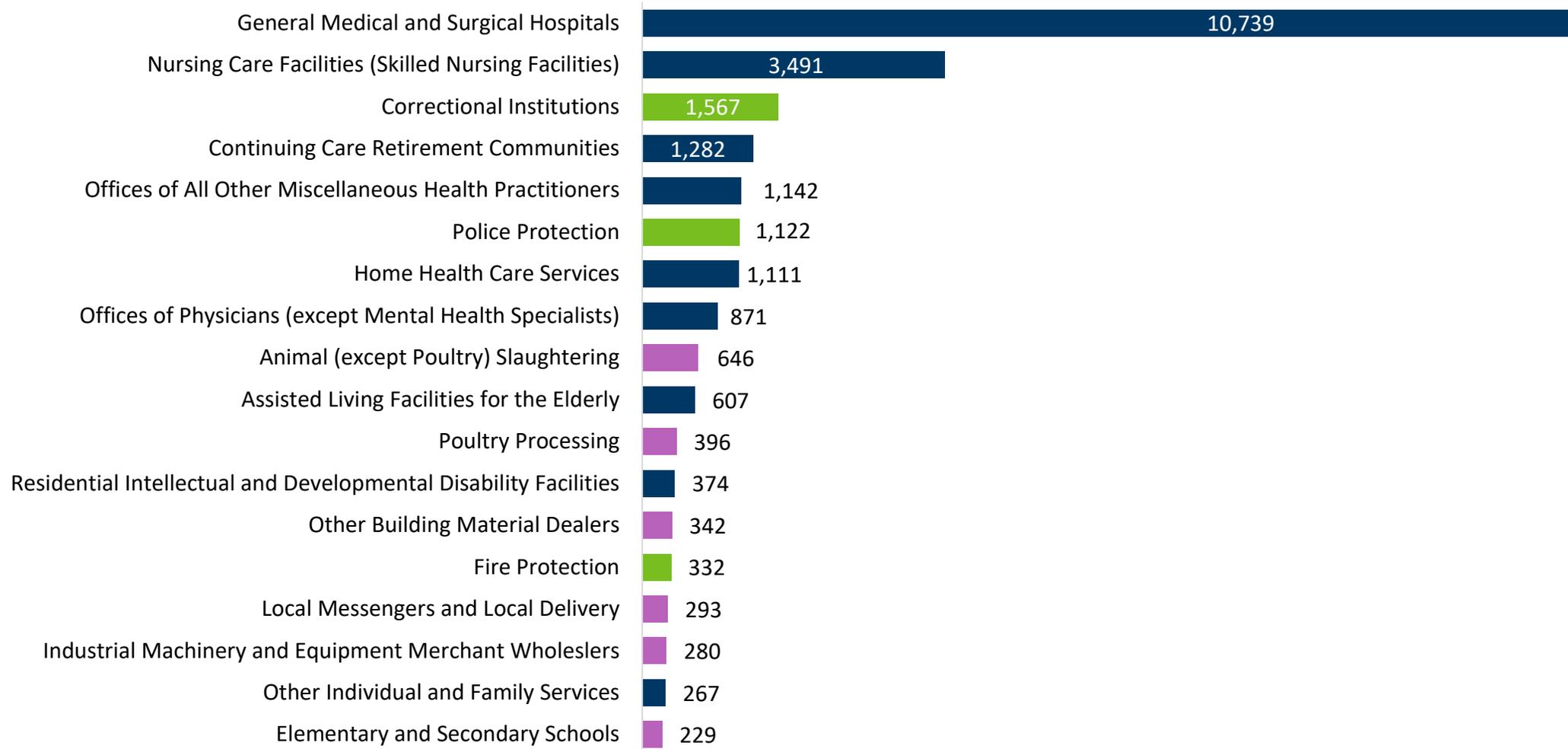
# Delta surge affecting all worker groups

COVID-19 claims by month received and industry-presumption group



# Half of all claims were from hospitals, nursing homes

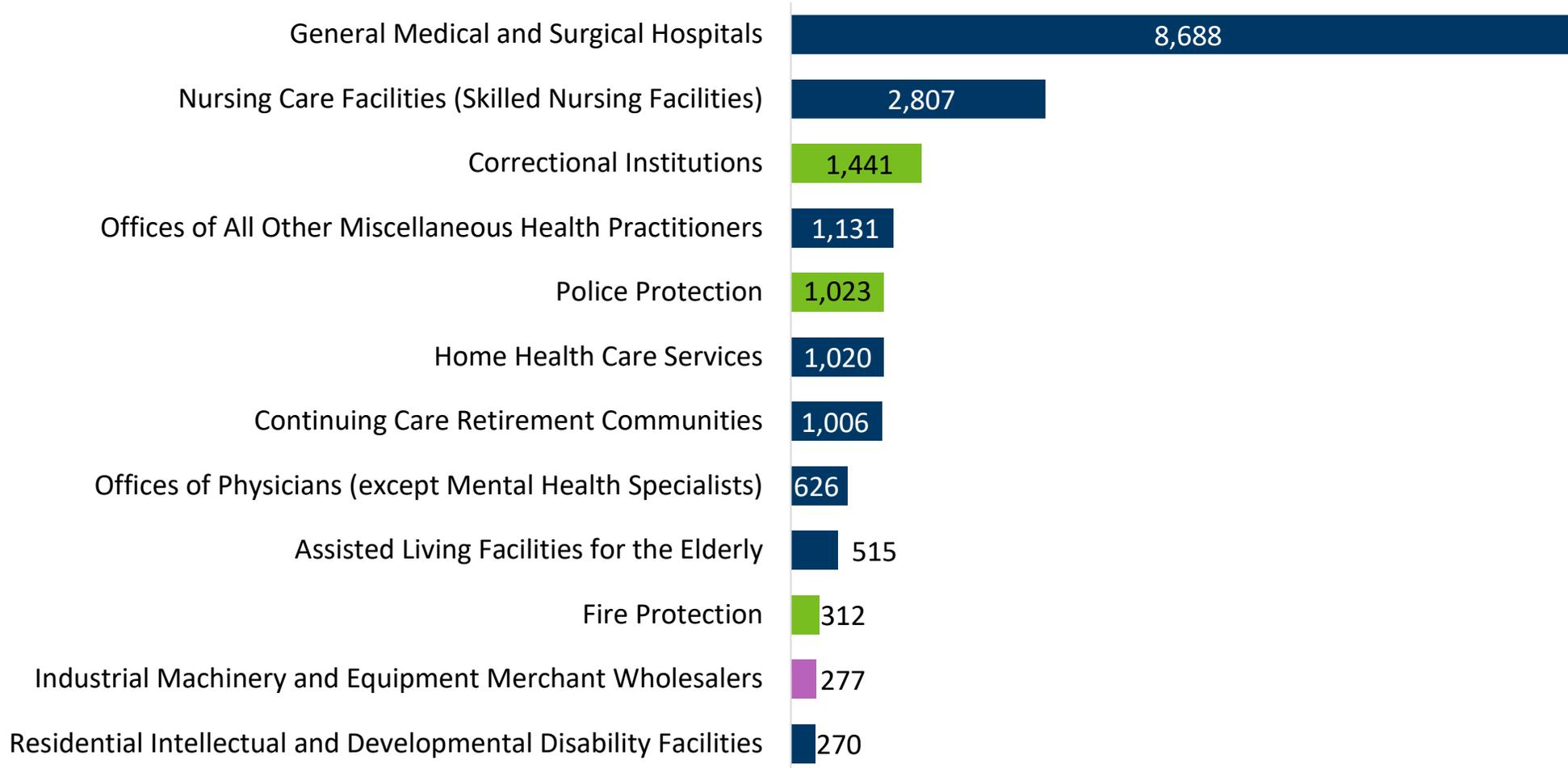
Detailed industries\* with 200 or more COVID-19 claims filed as of Dec. 25, 2021



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# Hospitals, nursing homes have 62% of the paid COVID-19 claims

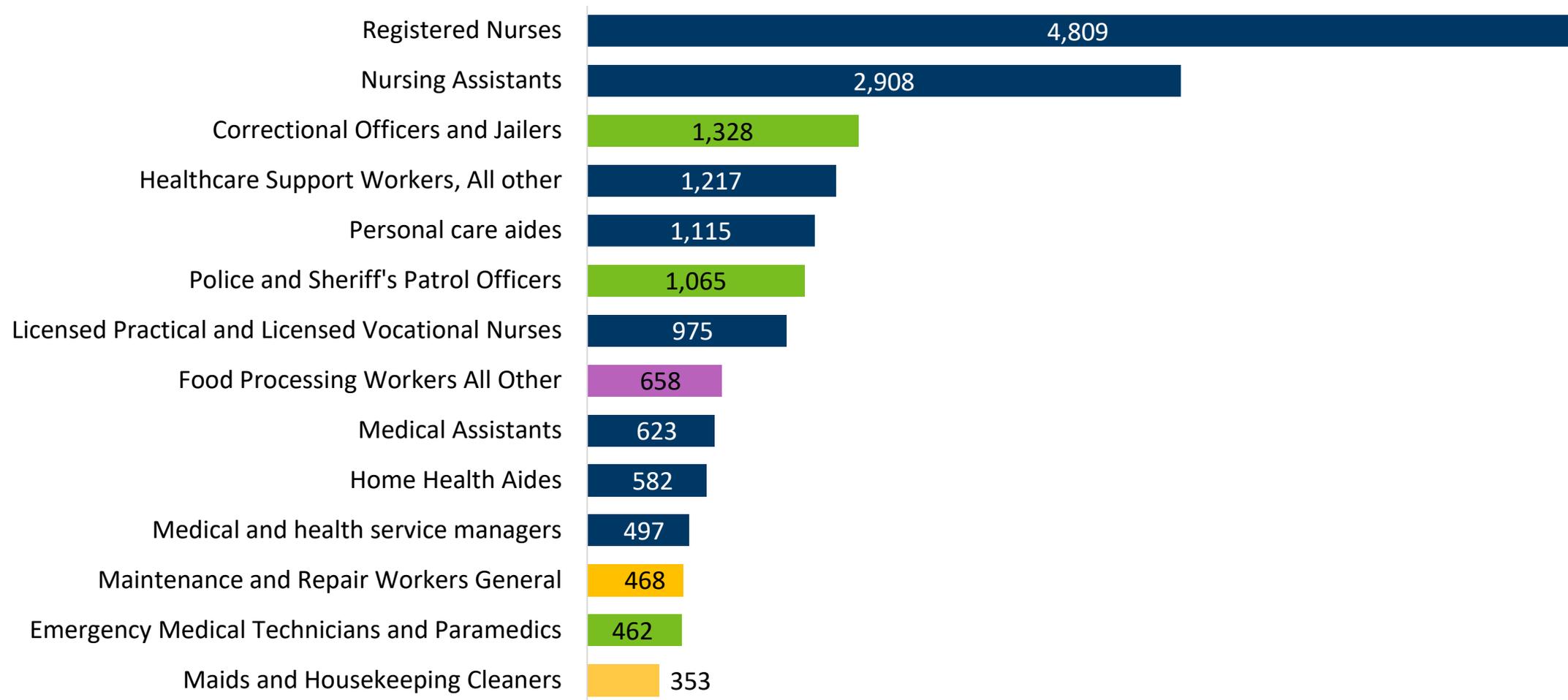
Detailed industries\* with 250 or more COVID-19 accepted or paid indemnity claims as of Dec. 25, 2021



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# Registered nurses, nursing aides reported the most claims

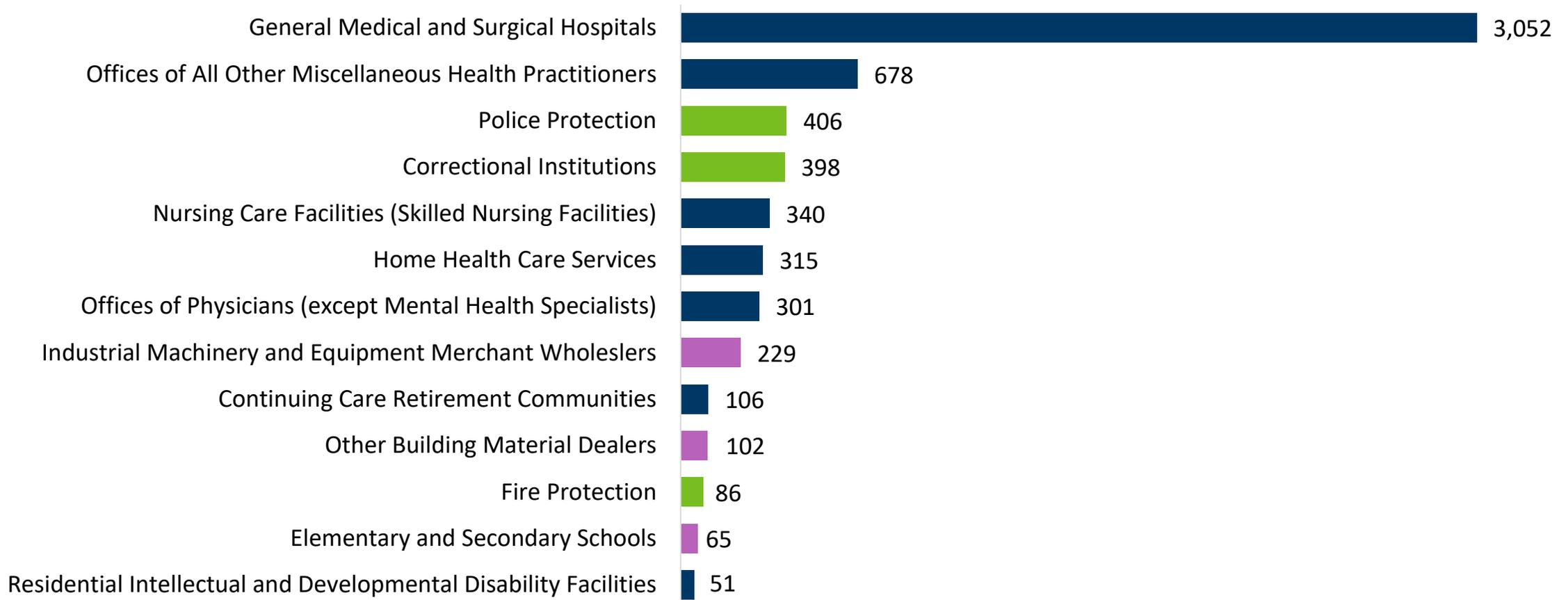
Specific occupations\* with 300 or more claims as of Dec. 25, 2021



\*Standard Occupation Classification. Occupation data unavailable for 3,134 claims.

# Increased claims from police in recent months, decline in nursing home claims rate

Detailed industries\* with 50 or more COVID-19 claims with illnesses dated July 1, 2021 or later, reported as of Dec. 25, 2021



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# 120 COVID-19 claims with vocational rehabilitation; claims updated through Nov. 17, 2021

## Vocational rehabilitation utilization

- Of COVID-19 indemnity claims, 0.6% have a vocational rehabilitation plan
- Eighty plans open, 40 closed
- Forty-nine percent of plans for claims have illness dates from October, November and December 2020
- Eighty percent are health care workers, 8% work in corrections

## Closed plans

- Employment outcomes:
  - 61% return to pre-injury employer
  - 8% find a new employer
  - 32% did not return to work
- Mean plan cost is \$4,400
- Mean plan duration is 6.7 months

Thank you

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